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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power plant, comprising:

a plurality of fuel cells, each cell having an anode, a cathode and a proton exchange membrane disposed between the anode and the cathode;

fuel reactant flow fields on an anode side of said membrane and oxidant reactant flow fields on a cathode side of said membrane, each of said flow fields having an inlet and an outlet:

a source of hydrogen-rich fuel gas, said hydrogen-rich fuel gas being applied to said fuel reactant flow fields;

a source providing oxidant reactant gas to said oxidant flow fields;

an impeller connected to at least some of said fuel flow field outlets for pumping partially depleted fuel to at least some of said fuel flow field inlets;

said impeller comprising a compressor of a turbocompressor, a turbine of which is driven by said source of hydrogen-rich fuel gas.

2,3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A fuel cell power plant according to claim 1, wherein:

said impeller is connected between all of said fuel flow field outlets and all of said fuel flow field inlets.

5, 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power plant, comprising:

a plurality of fuel cells, each cell having an anode, a cathode and a proton exchange membrane disposed between the anode and the cathode;

fuel reactant flow fields on an anode side of said membrane and oxidant reactant flow fields on a cathode side of said membrane, each of said flow fields having an inlet and an outlet:

a source of hydrogen-rich fuel gas, said hydrogen-rich fuel gas being applied to said fuel reactant flow fields;

a source providing oxidant reactant gas to said oxidant flow fields;

an impeller connected to at least some of said fuel flow field outlets for pumping partially depleted fuel to at least some of said fuel flow field inlets;

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said impeller comprising a compressor of a turbocompressor, a turbine of which is driven by oxidant reactant gas flowing from said oxidant flow field outlets.

- 8. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power plant according to claim 7, wherein: said source providing oxidant reactant gas is an air pump.
 - 9. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power plant according to claim 7 wherein: said source providing oxidant reactant gas is an air blower.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power plant according to claim 7, wherein:

said impeller is connected between all of said fuel flow field outlets and all of said fuel flow field inlets.

11. (New) A fuel cell power plant, comprising:

a plurality of fuel cells, each cell having an anode, a cathode and a proton exchange membrane disposed between the anode and the cathode;

fuel reactant flow fields on an anode side of said membrane and oxidant reactant flow fields on a cathode side of said membrane, each of said flow fields having an inlet and an outlet;

a source of hydrogen-rich fuel gas, said hydrogen-rich fuel gas being applied to said fuel reactant flow fields;

a source providing oxidant reactant gas to said oxidant flow fields;

an impeller connected to at least some of said fuel flow field outlets for pumping partially depleted fuel to at least some of said fuel flow field inlets;

said impeller comprising a compressor of a turbocompressor, a turbine of which is driven directly by said hydrogen-rich fuel gas.